



# Konsep Fundamental TEKNOLOGI PEMBAKARAN - 2

*COMBUSTION TECHNOLOGY & THERMAL ANALYSIS*

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## SUB-STOICHIOMETRIC COMBUSTION

- The concept of excess air presumes air in addition to that required for combustion.
- However, if one does not provide enough air, combustion may still continue, generating large quantities of CO and combustibles. → called: **substoichiometric combustion**
- **Process heaters** and **boilers** should **NEVER be operated** in this mode
- Suddenly adding air to such a hot mixture could result in **explosion**.
- Because substoichiometric combustion may have deadly consequences, it is useful to consider the process, observe its features, and learn to avoid it.

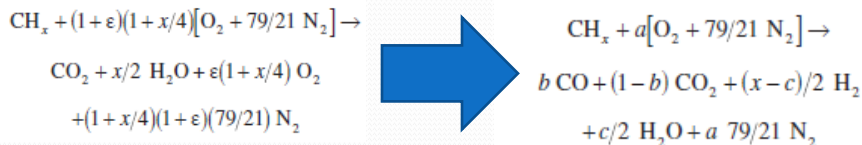
## Expression of Substoichimetric

- The stoichiometric ratio,  $\Phi$ , is a fuel:air ratio (.

$$\Phi = 1/(1 + \epsilon)$$

$$\epsilon = (1 - \Phi)/\Phi$$

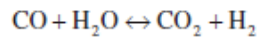
- Therefore:



- where  $a$ ,  $x$  are specified and  $b$ ,  $c$  are unknown having the relation  $2a = 2 - b + c/2$ .
- $\epsilon$ , fraction of excess air

## EQUILIBRIUM AND THERMODYNAMICS

- The water gas shift reaction:



- When the rate of the forward reaction equals that of the reverse, the process is in dynamic equilibrium.
- Equilibrium is characterized by the following relation:

$$K = [\text{CO}_2][\text{H}_2]/[\text{CO}][\text{H}_2\text{O}]$$

- For substoichiometric combustion, it will be useful to define the following quantities:  $\alpha = [\text{H}_2]/[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ ,  $\beta = [\text{CO}]/[\text{CO}_2]$ , then  $K = \alpha / \beta$ .

## SUBSTOICHIOMETRIC COMBUSTION REVISITED

- Solving the mass balance for C, H, and oxygen, in turn for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and using the relation  $K = \alpha/\beta$ , one obtains the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{CH}_x + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2+\beta}{1+\beta} + \frac{x}{2(1+\beta K)} \right] \left( \text{O}_2 + \frac{79}{21} \text{N}_2 \right) \rightarrow \\ &\left( \frac{1}{1+\beta} \right) \text{CO}_2 + \left( \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \right) \text{CO} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{1+\beta K} \right) \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\beta K x}{1+\beta K} \right) \text{H}_2 + \left( \frac{79}{21} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[ \frac{2+\beta}{1+\beta} + \frac{x}{2(1+\beta K)} \right] \text{N}_2 \end{aligned}$$

- Solve the equation:

$$a = \frac{1}{\Phi} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2+\beta}{1+\beta} + \frac{x}{2(1+\beta K)} \right]$$

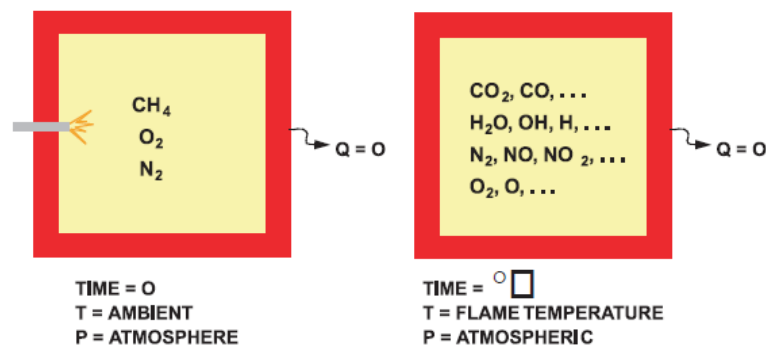
- Therefore:

$$\Phi = \frac{(x+4)(1+\beta)(1+\beta K)}{2(2+\beta)(1+\beta K) + x(1+\beta)}$$

- Solving for the species as a function of  $\beta$  gives:

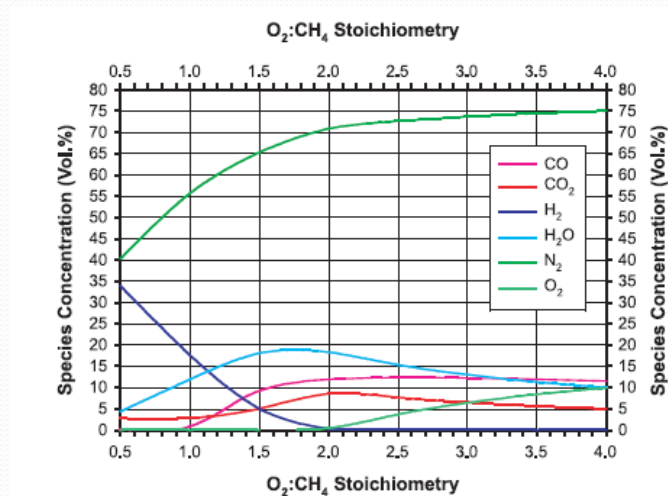
$\text{TWP} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{79}{21} \left[ \frac{1}{1+\beta} + \frac{\beta}{2(1+\beta)} + \frac{x}{4(1+\beta K)} \right]$			
$\text{TDP} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\beta K x}{1+\beta K} \right) + \frac{79}{21} \left[ \frac{1}{1+\beta} + \frac{\beta}{2(1+\beta)} + \frac{x}{4(1+\beta K)} \right]$		$f_{\text{H}_2\text{O},\text{wet}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\text{TWP}} \left( \frac{x}{1+\beta K} \right)$	
		$f_{\text{H}_2,\text{wet}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\text{TWP}} \left( \frac{\beta K x}{1+\beta K} \right) \quad f_{\text{H}_2,\text{dry}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\text{TDP}} \left( \frac{\beta K x}{1+\beta K} \right)$	
$f_{\text{O}_2,\text{wet}} = 0 \quad f_{\text{O}_2,\text{dry}} = 0$		$f_{\text{N}_2,\text{wet}} = \frac{79}{21} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\text{TWP}} \left[ \frac{2+\beta}{1+\beta} + \frac{x}{2(1+\beta K)} \right]$	
$f_{\text{CO}_2,\text{wet}} = \frac{1}{\text{TWP}} \left( \frac{1}{1+\beta} \right) \quad f_{\text{CO}_2,\text{dry}} = \frac{1}{\text{TDP}} \left( \frac{1}{1+\beta} \right)$		$f_{\text{N}_2,\text{dry}} = \frac{79}{21} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\text{TDP}} \left[ \frac{2+\beta}{1+\beta} + \frac{x}{2(1+\beta K)} \right]$	
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## Adiabatic equilibrium reaction process.



- Many species are then present after the reaction is completed.
- The exact composition depends on the ratio of the fuel to air.
- For example, if not enough air is present, then CO will be generated. If sufficient air is present, then little or no CO will be present.

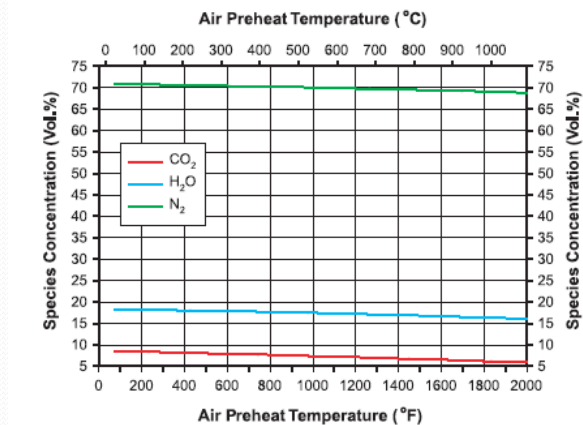
- Adiabatic equilibrium calculations for the predicted gas composition as a function of the  $\text{O}_2:\text{CH}_4$  stoichiometry



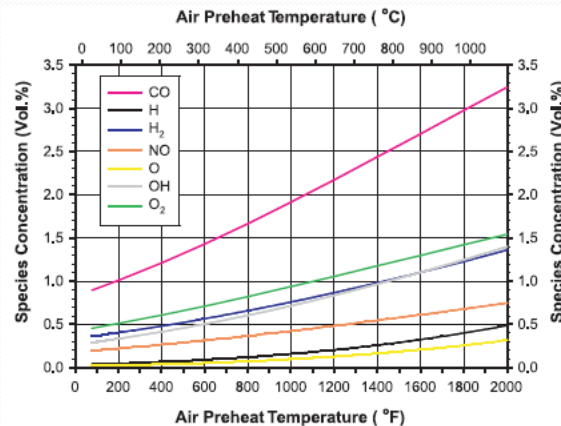
- For methane, the **stoichiometric  $\text{O}_2:\text{CH}_4$  ratio** for theoretically perfect combustion is 2.0
- Stoichiometries **less than 2.0 are fuel rich**, as insufficient oxygen is present to fully combust the fuel.
- Stoichiometries **greater than 2.0 are fuel lean**, as excess oxygen is present.
- This figure shows that the exhaust product composition is highly dependent on the ratio of the fuel to the oxidizer.

## Air Preheat Effect

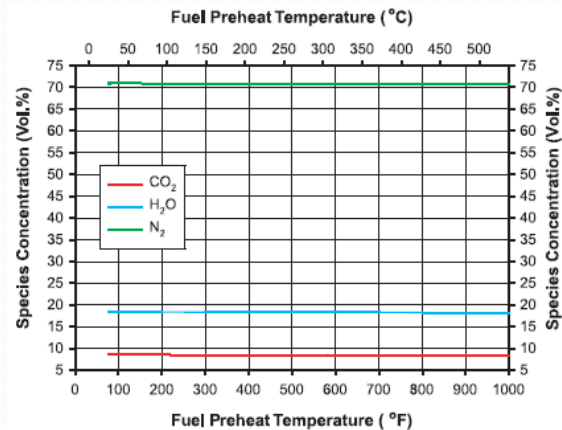
- Adiabatic equilibrium stoichiometric calculations for the predicted gas composition of the major species as a function of the **air preheat temperature for air/CH<sub>4</sub> flames**, where the CH<sub>4</sub> is at ambient temperature and pressure



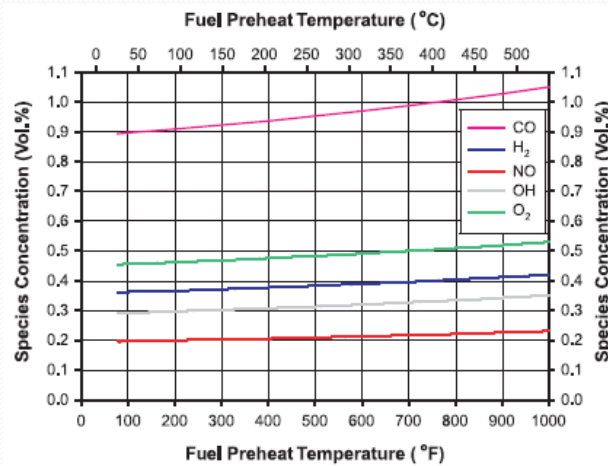
- The predicted minor species in the exhaust gas for the same reaction of ambient temperature methane with preheated air.
- This graph shows that there is a dramatic **increase in all the minor species** as the **air preheat temperature increases**. This is due to **chemical dissociation**



- The predicted major species in the exhaust products for the combustion of preheated methane with ambient air.
- There is very little change in the species concentration with fuel preheat.
- Note that higher fuel preheat temperatures present safety problems because of the auto-ignition temperature of methane, which is approximately 1200°F (650°C) in air.



- The predicted minor species concentrations increase with fuel preheat temperature:

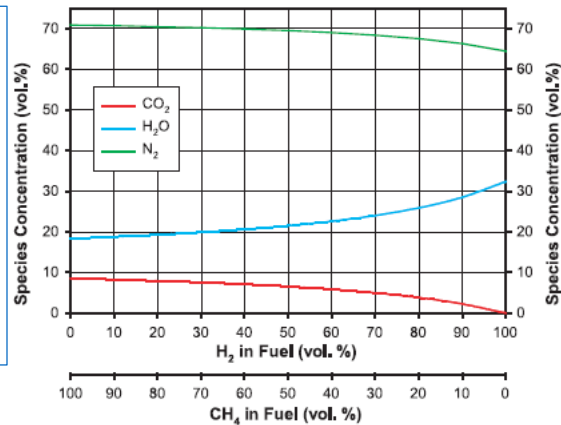


## Fuel Blend Effects

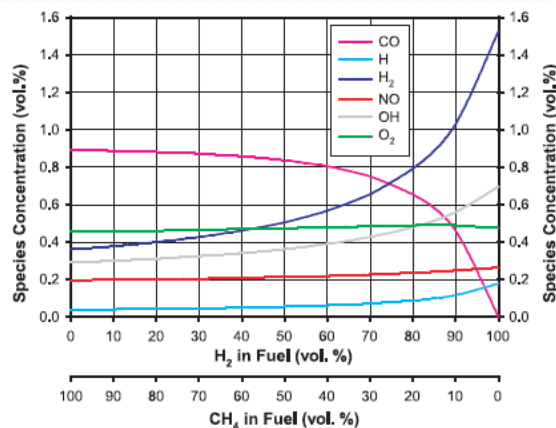
- The predicted major species for the combustion of air with fuel blends consisting of  $H_2$  and  $CH_4$

$CO_2$  and  $N_2$  decline and  $H_2O$  increases as the  $H_2$  content in the fuel increases.

It is important to note that the species concentrations are not linear functions of the blend composition, where the change occurs more rapidly at higher  $H_2$  compositions



- Plot of the **predicted minor species as functions of the  $H_2/CH_4$  fuel blend.**
- This graph also shows strong nonlinearities as the  $H_2$  content increases:

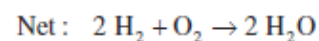
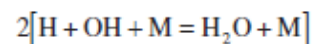
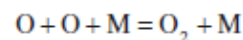
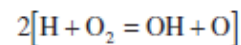
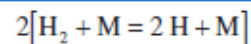




- **Real combustion processes are not adiabatic**, as the whole intent is to transfer heat from the flame to some type of load.
- The amount of heat lost from the process determines the **temperature of the exhaust gases**.
- The **higher the heat losses** from the flame, the **lower the exhaust gas temperature**.

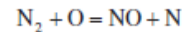
## COMBUSTION KINETICS

- The **actual combustion mechanism is quite complex**, involving very short-lived species that do not survive much beyond the flame.
- For example, the simplest system — **hydrogen combustion** — comprises about 20 elemental reactions.
- **Elemental reactions denote the actual species involved in the reaction**
- M refers to Reactor wall
- **Higher hydrocarbons and more complex mixtures require even more reactions.**
- Fortunately, the net reaction is enough for most purposes

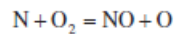


## Thermal NOx Formation: A Kinetic Example

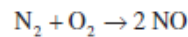
- NOx from boilers and process heaters comprises mostly NO and very little NO<sub>2</sub>
- Consider NO formed from the high-temperature reaction of N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, referred to as thermal NOx.
- There are more than 70 steps in the sequence.
- In the case of thermal NOx, the rate-limiting step is the rupture of the N≡N triple bond by an oxygen atom:



- In turn, the nitrogen radical reacts with available oxygen as follows:



- Adding these two equations together gives the overall reaction:

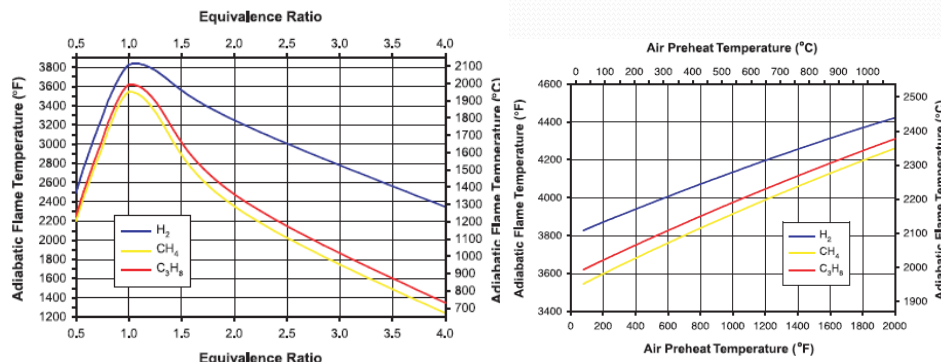


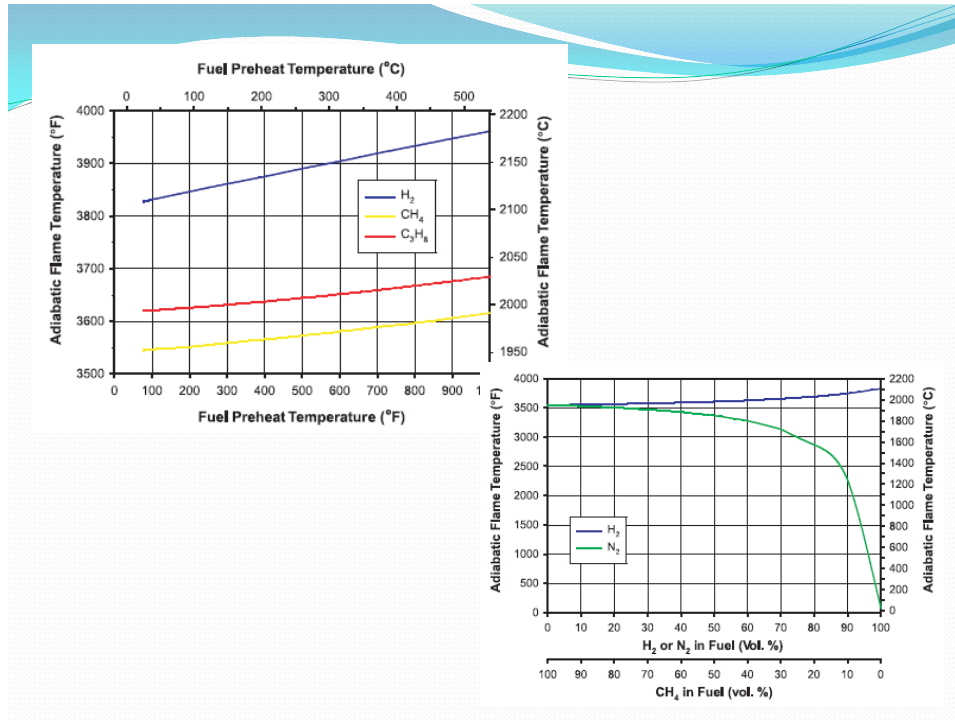
- Reaction rate:

$$\frac{d[\text{NO}]}{dt} = k_f [\text{N}_2][\text{O}]$$

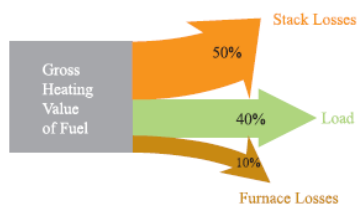
## FLAME PROPERTIES

- The flame temperature is a critical variable in determining the heat transfer.
- The **adiabatic flame temperature is affected by the fuel composition, the equivalence ratio, and the air and fuel preheat temperatures.**
- The peak temperature occurs at about stoichiometric conditions ( $\Phi = 1.0$ ) → there is just enough oxidizer to fully combust all the fuel.





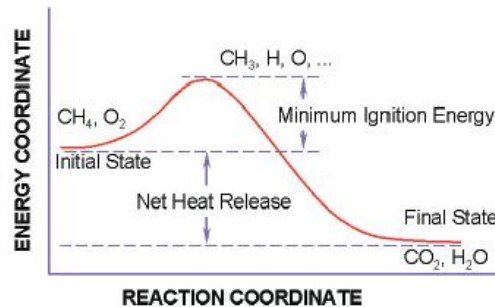
## Distribution of Energy in Combustion System



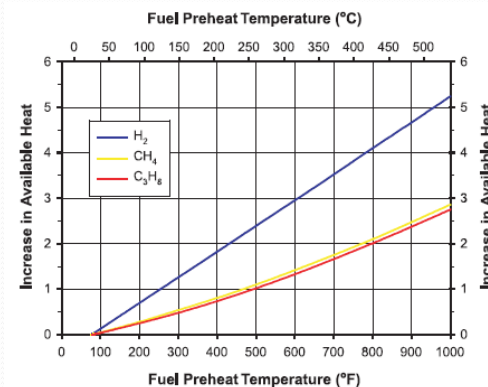
- The **available heat** in a process is defined as the gross heating value of the fuel, minus the energy carried out of the **exhaust stack** by the **flue gases**.
- However, some of that **energy will be lost** by **conduction through the heater walls**, by **radiation through openings**, by **air infiltration** that will absorb sensible energy, as well as by other types of energy losses that are dependent on the burner and heater designs and by the process operations.

## Minimum Ignition Energy

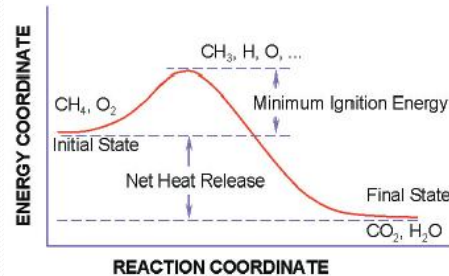
- If the **minimum ignition energy** is supplied, the reactant bonds will rupture, producing intermediate species such as  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{H}$ ,  $\text{O}$ , etc.
- Such species are extremely reactive and recombine to form the final products,  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
- Since the **net heat release is greater than the minimum ignition energy**, the reaction, once started, will continue until virtually all of the reactants are consumed



- Available heat vs. fuel preheat temperature for stoichiometric air/ $\text{H}_2$ , air/ $\text{CH}_4$ , and air/ $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$  flames at an exhaust gas temperature of  $2000^\circ\text{F}$  ( $1100^\circ\text{C}$ ), where the air is at ambient temperature and pressure.



## Ignition and heat release



- Once the system reaches the minimum ignition energy, the reaction will be self-sustaining until the reaction consumes enough of the reactants.
- At that point, the reaction cannot liberate enough heat to supply the minimum ignition energy and the flame goes out.

## Flammability Limits

- Suppose that fuel and air are not provided in stoichiometric proportions, but have a great excess of fuel or air. Will the flame continue to propagate if the ignition source is removed?
- That depends on **whether the fuel/air mixture has enough chemical energy to exceed the minimum ignition energy**. If not, **the flame will extinguish**.
- This leads to a lower and upper flammability limit.
- The **lower flammability limit** (fuel lean) is where fuel is insufficient to achieve the minimum ignition energy.
- The **upper flammability limit** (fuel rich) is where there is insufficient air.

TABLE 2.4 Combustion Data for Hydrocarbons

Hydrocarbon	Formula	Higher Heating Value (vapor), Btu lb <sub>m</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	Theor. Air/fuel Ratio, by mass	Max Flame Speed, (ft s <sup>-1</sup> )	Adiabatic Flame Temp (in air) (°F)	Ignition Temp (in air) (°F)	Flash Point (°F)	Flammability Limits (in air) (% by volume)
<b>Paraffins or Alkanes</b>								
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	23875	17.195	1.1	3484	1301	Gas	5.0 15.0
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	22323	15.899	1.3	3540	968–1166	Gas	3.0 12.5
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	21669	15.246	1.3	3573	871	Gas	2.1 10.1
<i>n</i> -Butane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	21321	14.984	1.2	3583	761	-76	1.86 8.41
<i>iso</i> -Butane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	21271	14.984	1.2	3583	864	-117	1.80 8.44
<i>n</i> -Pentane	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	21095	15.323	1.3	4050	588	< -40	1.40 7.80
<i>iso</i> -Pentane	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	21047	15.323	1.2	4055	788	< -60	1.32 9.16
Neopentane	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	20978	15.323	1.1	4060	842	Gas	1.38 7.22
<i>n</i> -Hexane	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	20966	15.238	1.3	4030	478	-7	1.25 7.0
Neohexane	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	20931	15.238	1.2	4055	797	-54	1.19 7.58
<i>n</i> -Heptane	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	20854	15.141	1.3	3985	433	25	1.00 6.00
Triptane	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	20824	15.151	1.2	4035	849	—	1.08 6.69
<i>n</i> -Octane	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	20796	15.093	—	—	428	56	0.95 3.20
<i>iso</i> -Octane	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	20770	15.093	1.1	—	837	10	0.79 5.94
<b>Olefins or Alkenes</b>								
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	21636	14.807	2.2	4250	914	Gas	2.75 28.6
Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	21048	14.807	1.4	4090	856	Gas	2.00 11.1
Butylene	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	20854	14.807	1.4	4030	829	Gas	1.98 9.65
<i>iso</i> -Butene	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	20737	14.807	1.2	—	869	Gas	1.8 9.0
<i>n</i> -Pentene	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	20720	14.807	1.4	4165	569	—	1.65 7.70
<b>Aromatics</b>								
Benzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	18184	13.297	1.3	4110	1044	12	1.35 6.65
Toluene	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	18501	13.503	1.2	4050	997	40	1.27 6.75
<i>p</i> -Xylene	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	18663	13.663	—	4010	867	63	1.00 6.00
<b>Other Hydrocarbons</b>								
Acetylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	21502	13.297	4.6	4770	763–824	Gas	2.50 81
Naphthalene	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	17303	12.932	—	4100	959	174	0.90 5.9

Note: Based largely on: "Gas Engineers' Handbook", American Gas Association, Inc., Industrial Press, 1967. For heating value in J kg<sup>-1</sup>, multiply the value in Btu lb<sub>m</sub><sup>-1</sup> by 2324. For flame speed in m s<sup>-1</sup>, multiply the value in ft s<sup>-1</sup> by 0.3048.

## Flammability Limits for Gas Mixtures

- For gas mixtures, one can use Le Chatelier's rule to estimate flammability limits for gas mixtures.
- Because this is only an estimate, one must confirm the flammability limit of the actual mixture.
- Such experiments are relatively inexpensive and many third parties exist that can perform this kind of analysis.

$$LFL = \frac{1}{y_1 \left( \frac{1}{LFL_1} \right) + y_2 \left( \frac{1}{LFL_2} \right) + y_3 \left( \frac{1}{LFL_3} \right) + \cdots + y_n \left( \frac{1}{LFL_n} \right)}$$

$$UFL = \frac{1}{y_1 \left( \frac{1}{UFL_1} \right) + y_2 \left( \frac{1}{UFL_2} \right) + y_3 \left( \frac{1}{UFL_3} \right) + \cdots + y_n \left( \frac{1}{UFL_n} \right)}$$

- where LFL is the lower flammability limit, UFL is the upper flammability limit, LFL<sub>i</sub> is the LFL for species *i*, and UFL<sub>i</sub> is the UFL for species *i*.